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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 - 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujinami (5,502,573).

Considering claims 1 and 10, Fujinami discloses a method of performing a trick mode comprising the steps of:

receiving a trick mode command (control circuit receives input signals, column 13 lines 45-50 and user initiates a pause operation, column 14 lines 20-23);

searching the plurality of original pictures in the video signal for a picture compatible with the trick mode (when the user initiates a pause command, the system searches for the current picture and corresponding timing data column 14 line 50 – column 15 line 14);

initiating the trick mode once the compatible picture is located (column 15 lines 7-14).

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wherein the trick mode command is a freeze (pause) trick mode (column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

As for claim 2 Fujinami discloses the method wherein the compatible picture is an intra picture (definition of P, B, and I, within the system column 4 lines 12-21, and the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33).

With respect to claim 3 Fujinami discloses the method wherein the compatible picture is a predictive picture (definition of P, B, and I, within the system column 4 lines 12-21, and the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33).

Dealing with claim 4 Fujinami discloses the method wherein the trick mode is a freeze (pause) trick mode and said method further comprises the step of repeating the compatible picture for the duration of the trick mode to form a trick mode signal (column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

In regard to claim 5, Fujinami discloses the method wherein said repeating step further comprises the step of repeating the compatible picture for the duration of the trick mode by inserting into the video signal dummy pictures predicted from the compatible picture to form the trick mode video signal (picture is repeatedly supplied to the viewer which the equivalent of inserting dummy pictures into the signal since dummy pictures are just repeated duplicates of the compatible pictures column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

Considering claim 6, Fujinami discloses the method wherein each of the plurality of original pictures contains a display indicator (timing data) and said method further comprises the step of selectively modifying the display indicator of the original pictures that follow the compatible picture when a dummy picture is inserted into the video signal (a display indicator as disclosed in the applicants specification instructs certain decoders as to when a particular picture will be displayed relative to a number of other pictures in a video signal, the timing data that Fujinami discloses directs his system as to which frame to display relative to the other frames when a pause command is initiated, and when the dummy [duplicate] picture is inserted in the signal, the timing signal is modified to remain unchanged instead of continuing its counting sequence, column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

As for claim 7, Fujinami discloses the method wherein the dummy pictures are dummy predictive pictures (the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures

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and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33 and when the system is paused compatible pictures are repeatedly supplied to the viewer which the equivalent of inserting dummy pictures into the signal since dummy pictures are just repeated duplicates of the compatible pictures column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

With respect to claim 8, Fujinami discloses the method wherein the compatible picture is an intra picture and said method further comprises the step of selectively inserting the compatible I picture into the trick mode signal (the I-frame is selectively inserted when the users initiates a pause command when the I-frame is the current frame being displayed column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

As for claim 9, Fujinami discloses the method wherein at least a portion of the trick mode is decoded by a remote decoder (the decoder is built in to the system therefor the system decodes signals that have been loaded onto the storage drive, 8 Fig. 4B).

Dealing with claim 11, Fujinami discloses a system for performing a trick mode on a video signal containing a plurality of original pictures, comprising:

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a controller (28 Fig. 4A) for reading data from a storage medium (1 Fig 4A) and generating the video signal (column 13 lines 45-50);

and a video processor (28 Fig. 4A), wherein the processor is programmed to:

receive a trick mode command (column 13 lines 45-50);

search the plurality of original pictures for a picture in the video signal compatible with the trick mode(see analysis of claim 1);

and initiate the trick mode once the compatible picture is located (see analysis of claim 1).

As for claim 12 Fujinami discloses a system wherein the compatible picture is an intra picture pictures (the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33).

With respect to claim 13, Fujinami discloses the system wherein the compatible picture is a predictive picture pictures (the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33).

Dealing with claim 14, Fujinami discloses the system wherein the trick mode is a freeze (pause) trick mode and the processor (28 Fig. 4A) is further programmed to repeat the compatible picture for the duration of the trick mode to form a trick mode signal (column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

In regard to claim 15, Fujinami discloses the system wherein the processor (28 Fig. 4A) is further programmed to repeat the compatible picture for the duration of the trick mode by inserting into the video signal dummy pictures predicted from the compatible picture to form the trick mode video signal (picture is repeatedly supplied to the viewer which the equivalent of inserting dummy pictures into the signal since dummy pictures are just repeated duplicates of the compatible pictures column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

Considering claim 16 Fujinami discloses the system wherein each of the plurality of original pictures contains a display indicator (timing data) and the processor (28 Fig. 4A) is further programmed to selectively modify the display indicator of the original pictures that follow the compatible picture when a dummy picture is inserted into the video signal (a display indicator as disclosed in the applicants specification instructs certain decoders as to when a particular picture will be displayed relative to a number of other pictures in a video signal, the timing data that Fujinami discloses directs his system as to which frame to display relative to the other frames when a pause command is initiated, and when the dummy [duplicate] picture is

inserted in the signal, the timing signal is modified to remain unchanged instead of continuing its counting sequence, column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

As for claim 17 Fujinami discloses the system according to claim 16, wherein the dummy pictures are dummy predictive pictures (the compatible pictures are intra pictures, predictive pictures and Bi-directional pictures, the type of picture is determined by the current frame that the system is displaying when the user pauses initiates a pause command, column 14 lines 29-33 and when the system is paused compatible pictures are repeatedly supplied to the viewer which the equivalent of inserting dummy pictures into the signal since dummy pictures are just repeated duplicates of the compatible pictures column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

With respect to claim 18, Fujinami discloses the system wherein the compatible picture is an intra picture and the processor (28 Fig. 4A) is further programmed to selectively insert the compatible I picture into the trick mode signal (the I-frame is selectively inserted when the users initiates a pause command when the I-frame is the current frame being displayed column 14 line 50 - column 15 line 13).

Considering claim 19, Fujinami discloses the system further comprising a remote decoder (7 Fig. 4B) for decoding at least a portion of the trick mode video signal (the

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decoder is built in to the system therefor the system decodes signals that have been loaded onto the storage drive).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan M. Johnson whose telephone number is (571)272-7916. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher C. Grant can be reached on (571)272-7294. The fax phone

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